

**MINUTES**  
**WOONSOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016  
Woonsocket Middle School @ Hamlet  
60 Florence Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895

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Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Donald Burke at 7:00 p.m. in Open Session.

Superintendent Patrick McGee is absent this evening. Roll Call by Assistant Superintendent Jenny Chan-Remka:

Soren Seale, Chairman	Absent
Donald Burke, Vice-Chairman	Present
Susan Pawlina, Secretary	Present
Valerie Gonzalez	Present
Paul Bourget	Present

Moment of Silence  
Pledge of Allegiance

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PUBLIC GOOD & WELFARE: None.

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**RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Jenny Chan-Remka, Assistant Superintendent**

➤ *2016-17 Local Digital Innovator* – Dr. Jenny Chan-Remka thanked everyone that participated in our Professional Development Summer Academy, including our trainers and mentors. This summer, the Woonsocket Education Department had nearly 200 teachers, teacher assistants, and professional staff participate in numerous professional development activities that included hands-on learning with technology, introduction to STEMScopes, Eureka Education, and many more. These professional development opportunities deepen teachers' content knowledge and encourage best practice to enhance teaching skills in our district. By continuing to offer these opportunities we can help to ensure that our staff and educators are equipped with the tools necessary to propel our school district into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. These skills help our students to become better learners and ultimately higher achievers. Thank you again to everyone that was able to attend. These opportunities are vital to our students' success and will be on going.

Motion to receive and place on file: V. Gonzalez                      2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Bourget                      (Unanimously approved by SC)

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

➤ **June 29, 2016 Open Minutes**

Motion to approve: P. Bourget                      2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Gonzalez                      Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes                      APPROVED

<b>CONSENT AGENDA:</b>	<b>Motion to approve: P. Bourget</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Gonzalez</b>
<b>ROLL CALL VOTE on the Consent Agenda: 4 Yes</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	

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COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

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CONFERENCES/DISCUSSIONS – None.

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Approval on Non-Union Administrative pay increases – P. McGee  
D. Burke noted that this item was tabled at the last meeting. Motion to remove this item from the table: D. Burke  
2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Bourget Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED  
Motion to discuss and approve: P. Bourget 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Pawlina  
P. Bourget stated they are still not ready to approve; thinks it would prudent when all five members of the committee are present to discuss this item. V. Gonzalez agreed.  
Motion to table: V. Gonzalez 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Bourget Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED

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2. Discussion/Approval on the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Policy – P4-7.5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Passage – P. McGee  
Motion to discuss and approve: S. Pawlina 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Bourget Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED

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3. Discussion/Approval on the Dual Enrollment Policy – P3-3.10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Passage – P. McGee  
Motion to discuss and approve: D. Burke 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Pawlina Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED

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4. Discussion/Approval on the Home Tutoring Policy – P3-8.5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Passage – P. McGee  
Motion to discuss and approve: S. Pawlina 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Bourget Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED

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## NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Approval on Bid #17-09 – Nursing Supplies – P. McGee  
Motion to discuss and approve: V. Gonzalez 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Pawlina, P. Bourget  
B. Peryea noted that this bid is within the budget. Towards the end of the school year, we may need to do a second round of ordering supplies but it is a smaller purchase of a few hundred dollars.  
Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED

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2. Discussion/Approval on the appointment of the Elementary Special Education Chairperson – P. McGee  
Motion to discuss and approve: D. Burke 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Gonzalez  
J. Chan-Remka read the letter of recommendation from P. McGee to appoint Ms. Dawn Morelle as the Elementary Special Education Chairperson.  
Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED

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3. Discussion/Approval on the appointment of the Middle School Special Education Chairperson – P. McGee  
Motion to discuss and approve: V. Gonzalez 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Bourget  
J. Chan-Remka read the letter of recommendation from P. McGee to appoint Ms. Maureen Medeiros as the Middle School Special Education Chairperson.  
Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes APPROVED

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Patrick McGee, Superintendent

➤ None.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOOD & WELFARE:

• None.

Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.: P. Bourget 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Pawlina (Unanimously approved by SC)

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Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Blais  
WSC Recording Secretary